MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) An estimate for the investigation of the work is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is under the consideration of Government.

The Kollakadavu Bridge.

160. *MR. T. P VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to the answer to question No. 187, at the Sixth Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the steps subsequently taken by the Government or the Chief Engineer for the construction of the Kollakadavu Bridge;

(*b*) whether they have received the letter dated the 14th October 1935, submitted to the Government by the representative of the public forwarding the resolutions unanimously passed at the public meeting of the citizens of Central Travancore held at Kollakadavu on the 27th September 1935, regarding the construction of the Kollakadavu bridge; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government or the Chief Engineer on such letter and the resolutions forwarded therewith?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Site survey with spot levels, longitudinal section and geological section has been prepared and a design for a bridge is being prepared by the Chief Engineer.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) They have been forwarded to the Chief Engineer.

Creation of P. W. D. Reserve Fund.

161. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to the answer to question No. 6, at the Sixth Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly, regarding the creation of a P. W. D. Reserve Fund, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a written representation subsequently from any member of the Sri Mulam Assembly, urging the necessity for the creation of a P. W. D. Reserve Fund or for treating all works for which allotments are made in any year's budget, whether consumed or not during that year, as works in progress for the purpose of the next year's budget; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken by them on the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The representation is under the consideration of Government

Circular R. O. C. No. 5445/34 dated the 30th July 1934.

162. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

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(*a*) the copy of the Circular R. O. C. No. 5445/34 dated the 30th July 1934, they have issued to the Heads of Departments;

(*b*) the reasons for issuing the above circular;

(*c*) whether they have received representations protesting against the action of Government in issuing the circular; and

(*d*) if so, how many?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Circular is a confidential one.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Grant-in-aid to Primary Schools.

163. ✻**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of unaided recognised primary schools in the State;

(*b*) the number for which applications for grant-in-aid were received; and

(*c*) the reasons for refusing the aid?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 123.

(*b*) 66.

(*c*) Either want of funds or the fact that the schools did not satisfy the rules regarding sanction of grants.

The Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner.

164. ✻**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner in carrying out the object of the Government in his appointment?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*). Since the date of his assumption of charge on the 1st Kanni 1111, he has been engaged in receiving and considering memoranda from interested organisations and individuals, giving interviews to persons who presented them, and making preliminary arrangements for the collection of necessary statistics and other data connected with his work.

The Public Service Commissioner.

165. ✻**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the period during which the Public Service Commissioner has been at work;

(*b*) whether he has submitted any report or scheme for carrying into effect the object of the Government in his appointment; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the delay?

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